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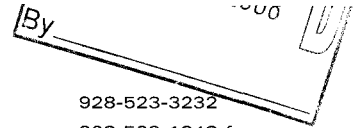
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Arizona Corporation Commission
Commissioners Wing
1200 W. Washington, 2nd Floor
Phoenix, AZ 85007

RE: Arizona Public Service

Dear Mr. Chairman and Commissioners:

Northern Arizona University has a long association with APS both as a customer and as a partner in research and teaching on the university campus. As a public utility, they have assumed an enormous responsibility not just to provide energy for the northern part of the state but also to foster research and teaching to develop new energy resources. This state's "greenest" building is the Applied Research Building on the Flagstaff campus of Northern Arizona University. Many energy-saving ideas are incorporated in that structure that will enable this state to depend less and less on fossil fuels. I use this example to make the point that APS must have the necessary resources to provide energy today and research for tomorrow. I do not envy your task but I do know that a strong public utility is essential to our state.

It may seem counterintuitive but our current financial stress cannot be improved unless the state's basic infrastructure of roads, education, and energy continue to expand. I urge you to consider a rate increase for APS that is both fair to the company and to the consumers. I know you will accomplish this task. Thank you for reading this brief note.

Sincerely,

John D. Haeger
President

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